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# FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

J.H. STEVEDORING CO. and PENN WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION.	CIVIL ACTION
INC. v.	:
FASIG TIPTON COMPANY, INC.	<b>:</b>
AND EASIG TIPTON MIDLANTIC, INC.	; NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

J.H. STEVEDORING CO.
2147 S. Delaware Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19146
and
PENN WAREHOUSING AND
DISTRIBUTION, INC.
2147 S. Delaware Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19146

CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiffs,

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FASIG-TIPTON COMPANY, INC.
2400 Newtown Pike
P.O. Box 13610
Lexington, KY 40583
and
FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC, INC.
210 Allegheny Avenue
P.O. Box 5517
Towson, MD 21204

Defendants.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

#### COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, J.H. Stevedoring Co. ("J.H.") and Penn Warehousing and Distribution, Inc. ("Penn"; where no distinction is necessary, J.H. and Penn are collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys, Pepper Hamilton LLP, bring this Complaint against defendants Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Fasig"). In support thereof, Plaintiffs allege the following:

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff J.H. is a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business at 2147 S. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19146.
- 2. Plaintiff Penn is a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business at 2147 S. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19146.
- 3. Defendant Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 2400 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40583.
- 4. Defendant Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland with its principal place of business at 356 Fair Hill Drive, Suite C, Elkton, MD 21921.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has diversity jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a), as the parties are citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$100,000.
- 6. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a), as the Plaintiffs are residents of this judicial district, a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred within this judicial district and defendant is subject to jurisdiction in this district.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 7. J.H. is a stevedoring operator which unloads ships at certain pier facilities in the Port of Philadelphia.
  - Penn operates public warehouse facilities in the Port of Philadelphia.

- 9. From approximately 1985 through December 1998, Dennis Bishop

  ("Bishop") was an employee of Penn. During this time, he held various positions at Penn and

  J.H.
- 10. From April 1997 through approximately April 2000, Bishop was an accounting consultant to both J.H. and Penn.
- 11. Upon information and belief, in or about 1994, Bishop began purchasing horses that were auctioned by Fasig at its Midlantic facility in Elkton, Maryland.
- 12. The first of the approximately 17 to 20 horses that were purchased by Bishop from 1997 to 2000 was bought with a check drawn from Bishop's personal account.
- by Fasig with checks that were unlawfully and without authorization drawn from the accounts of Penn and J.H. The horses were purchased by Bishop for himself and/or Danielle Bishop Stables, Inc. ("Danielle"), an entity owned and operated by Bishop.
- 14. In violation of its duties and obligations, Fasig accepted the funds of Penn and J.H. for the benefit of Bishop, Danielle and itself.
- 15. Despite receiving and depositing checks drawn from the accounts of Penn and/or J.H., Fasig failed to make any inquiry or investigation into whether Bishop was authorized to use the funds of Penn and/or J.H.
- 16. Fasig benefited from each of the transactions of Bishop and Danielle in that it received an entry fee ranging from \$200-\$500 on each horse, as well as a 5% commission on each horse sold.
- 17. As a direct and proximate result of Fasig's unlawful conduct, Penn and J.H. lost in excess of \$370,632.

# COUNT I CONVERSION

- 18. Penn and J.H. incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 17 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 19. Fasig improperly and unlawfully accepted, and benefited from, funds drawn from the accounts of J.H. and Penn.
- 20. Despite demand by Penn and J.H., Fasig has failed to return and/or repay the converted funds.
- 21. By refusing to return and/or repay these funds, Fasig-Tipton has exercised unlawful dominion and control over the property of Penn and J.H.
- 22. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Fasig-Tipton,
  Penn and J.H. have sustained damages in an amount in excess of \$370,632.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, J.H. Stevedoring Co. and Penn Warehousing and Distribution, Inc., respectfully request judgment against defendants, Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Inc. in an amount in excess of \$370,632, together with costs and interest, and any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

### <u>COUNT II</u> UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 23. Penn and J.H. incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 22 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 24. Fasig unlawfully obtained the funds of Penn and J.H., and despite demand by Penn and J.H., has retained and refused to return same, thereby unjustly enriching itself.
- 25. Fasig did not provide any goods or services to Penn and J.H. and therefore it has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Penn and J.H.

26. As a direct and proximate result of the unjust enrichment of Fasig, Penn and J.H. have suffered damages in excess of \$370,632, including consequential and incidental damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, J.H. Stevedoring Co. and Penn Warehousing and Distribution, Inc., respectfully request judgment against defendants, Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Inc. in an amount in excess of \$370,632, together with costs and interest, and any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

#### COUNT III NEGLIGENCE

- 27. Penn and J.H. incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 26 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 28. Fasig owned Penn and J.H. a duty of care to properly handle funds drawn from the accounts of Penn and J.H.
- 29. Fasig breached its duty of care by acting negligently, carelessly and recklessly in accepting funds payable to the account of Bishop and Danielle that were drawn from the accounts of Penn and J.H.
- 30. Fasig, had an obligation to, among other things, examine the checks and make an inquiry to Penn and J.H. as to whether the funds were properly deposited with, and used by Fasig.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of Fasig's negligence, carelessness and recklessness, Penn and J.H. have suffered damages in excess of \$370,632, including consequential and incidental damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, J.H. Stevedoring Co. and Penn Warehousing and Distribution, Inc., respectfully request judgment against defendants, Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc.

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Dated: June 24, 2002